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Central Food Network launches Christmas Hope Campaign

On Dec. 1, the Central Food Network launched its first Christmas Hope Campaign. The goal is to raise more than \$5,000 to help provide a Christmas and additional support to more than 100 area residents who are struggling this time of year.

The online campaign provides different ways for people to give back to our community by offering a number of program options to donate to, including providing a senior a Christmas, providing a family a Christmas as well as Sharing the Warmth to give the gift of heat for people that struggle with high heating and hydro costs. Always welcome are general donations to the organization that will be used where it is needed most. 100 per cent of the funds donated to the campaign go directly to assisting those that need it. Donations can also be made through the Central Food Network office.

Central Food Network offers a variety of programs including food banks, a distribution food hub, the Haliburton County Community Garden Network and Heat Bank Haliburton County. It also partners with various service clubs, government agencies and local

businesses/volunteers to assist those in need with the help they need most. While Central Food Network is based out of Highlands East, they still support people through their various programs across the County.

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Machenzie Neumann
Travel Plus

Last month I had the opportunity to take part in a weekend training event in Toronto for G Adventures formerly known as "Gap Adventures." (They lost a lawsuit with GAP Clothing back in 2008 that resulted in the name change.) G Adventures is a Canadian company that was founded by Bruce Poon Tip in 1990 after he set out backpacking across Asia and felt the need for a more structured type of adventure travel that is exhilarating yet sustainable. G Adventures is now the largest small group travel company in the world, offering sustainable travel on each and every continent including Antarctica and the Arctic with the average group trip being 12 passengers. Trips range in length from a couple days to over 55 days!

G Adventures offers four distinct styles of travel, the first being YOLO (yes, you guessed it, You Only Live Once). This style of travel is meant for the adventurous 18- to 39-year-olds, who are looking for affordable, fast-paced travel who want to explore the world by day, stay up all night and do it all over again the following day. This is similar to a backpacking type experience except more structured. "Classic" is the most popular style, offering the

perfect balance of must-see tourist attractions, cultural experiences, and insider access to get the most value out of your trip and comfortable, clean accommodations. "Active" journeys are meant for those who want to bike, hike and kayak or enjoy multiple sports to get you to a destination, you will always be on the move with this type of tour. "Local Living": this type of tour would allow you to unpack at a central house such as a Tuscan farmhouse, an Icelandic home or even a rustic lodge in the Amazon jungle and allow you to experience how the locals live.

Other popular types of G Adventure tours are family, rail, private groups, National Geographic and one of their most popular: marine, which would include sailing around the Galapagos Islands on one of their small ships, exploring the Greek Isles or even checking that seventh continent off your bucket list by visiting Antarctica.

G Adventures strongly believes in giving back to the world we live on. That is why they have partnered with Planeterra, a non-profit organization that is designed to minimize tourism's impact on the world. When they were showing us a slideshow of all the ways they have helped small villages and communities around the world it really pulls at your heart the positive impact they have. For instance, in Hoi An, Vietnam, they funded and gave the opportunity to many homeless children living on the streets to learn how to make noodles and gain the experiences they would need to

get employed. Over the years they have helped thousands of kids off the street and into a job. Visiting one of the Oodles of Noodles shops in Hoi An is actually part their tours in Vietnam. Not to forget they have built schools, wells, established markets for the women and men to sell their crafts at and so much more. I could go on and on about Planeterra but I will save that for those interested in coming in to speak to us about G Adventures. Whether you are looking for a fast-

paced adventure through the volcanoes, hot springs and rain forests of Costa Rica, or want to enjoy some Thai Island Hopping, or even that Local Living trip in the Tuscan Hills. G Adventures has a trip style for everyone. Stay tuned for my next article, I will be taking a Christmas markets trip with Contiki through Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Italy. I can already smell the freshly mulled cider.

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Senior's Spotlight

Stinsons put passion into action

By Jenn Watt

The Stinsons have never been uninvolved or disengaged residents of the Highlands; they have always signed up, organized and created opportunities. As their lives have changed, so has their work.

Joan and Bob Stinson have roots in the Highlands – Bob's family was foundational in building up Minden's early economy – but they met in the Toronto area. Bob was living in Willowdale, Joan in Cabbagetown. When they married in their early 20s, the pair of quiet virgos soon decided to move out of the city.

To Bob, Haliburton County was an obvious choice.

"My dad was born in Minden and my family had property on Sandy Bay, Gull Lake," says Bob. "I spent all my summers as a child on Sandy Bay."

Joan was more of a city girl, but had some cottaging background, so they took the plunge.

"We were looking for somewhere to kind of get away from the things in the city," she says.

They bought Willow Beach Cottages on Lake Kashagawigamog, which they ran for 19 years.

The Stinsons have two biological children and raised three others. Between the five kids, there are now 11 grandchildren.

The family of seven settled into the Highlands, running the resort, taking care of the kids, and Bob doing other jobs in addition.

As a businessman, Bob started to see opportunities for wider community growth all around him. Back in Willowdale, he had been involved with the minor hockey association. Now that he was part of the accommodation industry, he wondered if the Highlands could blend hockey and resorts to benefit everyone during the slow season.

"I noticed they never had any tournaments here that involved staying overnight," Bob says, with a gleam in his

eyes. "That's where the business is."

Along with the Lake Kashagawigamog Tourist Association, they decided to host a tournament for tykes over two days, which brought families to the Highlands to stay over and eat in local restaurants.

"That really went well and everybody said, maybe we can run two," he says.

Eventually they did five tournaments, but before long their success was a hindrance, as all of the motels and lodges were booked solid and hockey families had to stay in neighbouring communities to participate.

Then one day, Art Ward made an astute suggestion: Bob should apply to be the manager of the chamber of commerce. Bob got the job, which he notes was "very low paying," but offered him challenges that he relished.

"I just loved doing it," he says. And so began a lengthy stint (Bob and Joan cannot recall the exact length) of dominating the front page of the *Haliburton Echo*, as Bob advocated for tourism in the Highlands.

"This was the kind of thing I should have been doing all along," he says.

Once he was at the chamber, Bob began connecting with other associations, including the Central Ontario Travel Association and Resorts Ontario.

Bob and Joan held other jobs around town during their working years and put in considerable hours volunteering.

In 1978, Joan joined the Haliburton Concert Series, bringing classical music performances to the Highlands. She has also been a steadfast volunteer at St. George's church, the hospital auxiliary, Grannies to Grannies and was president of the Rails End Gallery at one time.

"I don't join anything as a volunteer unless I'm doing something for somebody or having a good time," she says. "Or both."

The Stinsons are also heavily invested in bettering the lives of seniors.

Joan is now 80 and Bob is 83. A few



Bob and Joan Stinson are two familiar faces in the Haliburton Highlands. The couple spends most of their time as volunteers with both active in the local CARP chapter. JENN WATT Staff

years back, they joined the Aging Well Committee to help improve the county infrastructure and planning. But it wasn't long until Bob yearned to get more political.

"After a year or so on the board of Aging Well I was getting frustrated," he says. "We had no clout."

He wanted to get a CARP chapter started. It took some convincing of the CARP central office staff, but eventually they gave the go-ahead and Chapter 54 was born in 2012.

In 2014, they were given an award for the fastest growing local in Canada.

The group has been active during that time, advocating for seniors issues, talking to local media, organizing trips, speakers and computer lessons for its members.

Chapter 54 has grant applications out to fund a series of talks on end-of-life planning as well as Cyber Seniors, which

pairs teenagers and older folk. The young people get volunteer hours as they teach seniors how to use new technology. The program combats isolation, builds inter-generational understanding and gives both sides of the equation valuable skills.

Bob is actively looking for someone to replace him as president of the chapter, but it can't be just anyone, he says. The position requires an individual who is passionate about tackling seniors' issues with gusto. And he sees many of the them on the horizon.

"I'm never satisfied it's enough," he says.

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Try-It Fair to open door to discovery

By Darren Lum

Learn about the full breadth of what is happening in Haliburton County with the Try-It Fair event on Friday, Dec. 9 at the local high school.

Organized by the Haliburton County Public Library, the trade show style event is going to be at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School gym from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and promises an opportunity to not just learn by seeing, but get hands-on and learn by doing.

It will include artists, inventors, experts, business people and organizations, who will inspire and share skills and knowledge through demonstrations and interactive opportunities.

Event co-ordinator and Minden library branch assistant Nancy Therrien said this event will open eyes about what is out there in the county.

"A lot of people don't realize the different skills and talents that we have in the community," she said.

Among them is an amino lab, which is based in Wilberforce. They will be doing "bacterial painting"—using bacteria for art. Other examples include an opportunity to try fly-tying, drumming, pottery, felting, stained glass, leather work, audio recording and even learn about the Japanese healing technique, Reiki. So far there are 20 confirmed exhibitors with 10 more likely to be confirmed.

The event will be exclusive to students and teachers from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. when it opens to the public. Admission is free.

The idea for the event came from the recent growth in popularity of "makerspace events."

"These are huge, huge trade shows where people come to see different demonstrations of all sorts of random things," she said.

Therrien said this event is a natural fit for the library because it is capable of bringing organizations and businesses together. For the past three months she has worked on bringing this new and unique event.

She said potential exhibitors were contacted by cold calling or reached through promotion help by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce and the Arts Council.

The biggest barrier, she adds, was educating people on what the event was about.

"Once they know what it is then they really are excited," she said. "For the businesses and the orga-

nizations it's a different way to market themselves because they are not directly selling anything at this event as people get to try things out."

Therrien hopes this event will continue annually with different businesses and organizations each year to keep it fresh and insightful. This will depend on the attendance and the feedback given through short answer survey on the passport given to every event goer. With close to 200 students and teachers in the first hours of the event, she hopes the total attendance equals close to 400 people for it to be considered a success. Every exhibitor station will be listed on the passport. Passports can be entered in a draw.

The event received a \$3,500 HCDC sponsorship from its Local Initiatives Program, which funds locally started new and unique events, and partner organizations HHSS, Canoe FM, Contact North, Fleming CREW, Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, Haliburton County Public Library, Haliburton Highlands Museum, Haliburton School of Art and Design and Sticks and Stones Productions.

Moving from Ottawa a few years ago, Therrien says

she learned a lot about the county through organizing this event and hopes others can do the same just by taking a few hours to attend it.

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A lot of people don't realize the different skills and talents that we have in the community.

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Living Large

Humour by Steve Galea

If you are like most people, you probably shouldn't be reading this column right now. Instead, you ought to be Christmas shopping! After all, there are less than 20 shopping days left!

For most of us, Christmas shopping is just about as fun as a do-it-yourself root canal. The problem is gift giving is far too complex these days.

Luckily, I have learned from experience and I'm quite willing to pass along a thing or two. Here are 10 things you should keep in mind when buying gifts.

1. Don't do it.
2. If a prospective gift requires propane and a spark, it's probably not suitable for children – or adults at a New Year's Eve party after 10.
3. You can count on one hand the number of men in the world who actually want cheap cologne as a Christmas gift – and they are mostly exterminators.
4. If you buy that special someone a set of trailer hitch bull balls, make sure they understand it's only for the trailer hitch. You wouldn't want them to be inappropriate.

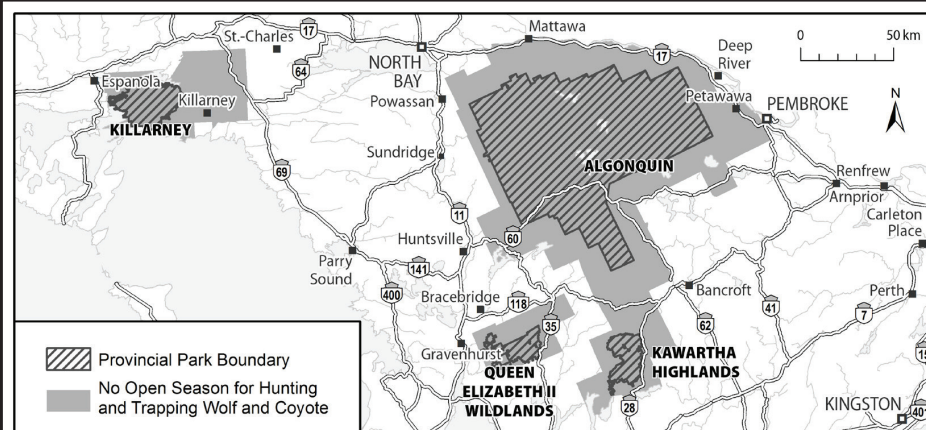
5. If your little niece wants a stuffed animal, that 10-point buck on your wall won't do.
6. No one wants those cute, special cards you made that are redeemable throughout the year – unless they are redeemable for a really good store bought gift.
7. No matter how good a price you can get them at, bell bottoms have still not come back in style.



8. It looks bad if you buy your kids archery gear, and your in-laws T-shirts with target faces on the back.
9. You cannot re-gift a gift to the person who re-gifted it to you last Christmas. That's how Groundhog Days happen.
10. Gift cards are great – so long as they are not for The House of Kale.



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New Hunting and Trapping Season Closures for Wolf and Coyote

The Algonquin Wolf was recently re-classified to 'Threatened' under the Endangered Species Act.

As of September 14, 2016, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) implemented new hunting and trapping season closures for wolf and coyote to support the protection and recovery of Algonquin Wolf.

As it is difficult to distinguish the Algonquin Wolf from coyotes or other wolves, **it is now illegal to hunt and trap wolves and coyotes in Algonquin Park and three core areas** where Algonquin Wolf is known to inhabit (see map). Landowners in these three additional areas still have the right to kill or harm wolves and coyotes if there is risk to their health and safety, or to that of their domestic animals and livestock.

Additionally, MNRF passed regulations to continue to allow the hunting and trapping of coyotes and wolves outside of these four areas under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act. These regulatory changes balance the economic and safety needs of local landowners and farmers with the need to protect this threatened species.

For more detail, visit ontario.ca/page/algonquin-wolf

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Vignettes from life: Reaching the third rung

By Peter Walford-Davis

What is this thing called marriage? An Oregon farmer was asked that question many years ago. Do you think that your marriage is a success or a failure? "Marriage a failure?" he replied. "I should say not! Why, there's my wife Lucindy who gets up in the mornin', milks six cows, gits breakfas', starts four children to school, looks after the other three, feeds the hens, likewise the hogs, and three motherless sheep, skims 10 pans of milk, washes clothes, gits dinner, etcetera, etcetera. Think I could hire anybody to do it for what she gits? Not much. Marriage, sir, is a success, yes sir, a great success!" Unfortunately, Lucindy was not available for comment. Indeed, it would have been most interesting to hear her reply to that same question.

For many, the pattern of life often includes marriage, for we have a yearning for companionship. Marriage helps us to be more complete. They stood quietly before the clergyman, nervously waiting for the ceremony to begin. She wore a pastel blue suit, with shoes, and a little hat to match. He stood tall and straight in his immaculately pressed brown pin-striped suit. She wore a corsage of yellow sweetheart roses with sprigs of gypsophila, while he sported a red carnation boutonniere. The witnesses stood beside, and a little behind the bride and groom, like ministering angels.

Somewhere in the manse a clock struck two. By 2:15 the ceremony was over, and bride and groom became husband and wife. What is so special about this inci-

dent? People get married every day, in many different places. What made this so special was that the bride was in her 80s, the groom a spry 77.

"Why should we live alone, and be miserable, just waiting to die?" asked the bride. "We enjoy each other's company, have similar interests. We both like bus trips, and we do love and care for each other." She emphasized those last words with a smile, and squeezed her husband's arm. He replied, "We don't know how many years we'll have together, but we want to enjoy them together. The Creator has been good to us, and we enjoy fairly good health, but do not want to end our days sitting in a rocking chair watching the rest of the world go by, we want to be part of it!"

"We have each other, and that is all that matters," rejoined the bride.

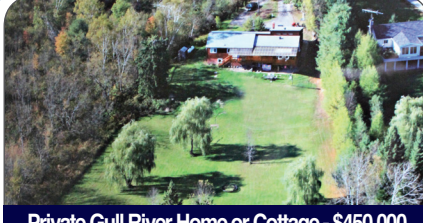
My wife and I attended the reception. It truly was a happy occasion, it was a good thing that happened. Probably because this couple knew that their love might soon be cut off because of their ages, they would work harder to make their marriage a success.

Plato, the Greek philosopher, created what he called the ladder of love. This was a three rung ladder. The lowest rung represented the marriage of the bodies, where couples come together for the joy of sex, and for the creation of children. The second rung is the marriage of the minds. This is the sharing of ideas, interests, hobbies, and dreams, while the third rung is the mar-



riage of the spirits. In the old days there were ladders of wood that had a metal thread running between the rungs and uprights. This strengthened the ladder, and also added to its weight! The same analogy is applied to Plato's ladder of love, but the "thread" in this ladder is the all-essential thread of communication, without which all marriages are doomed.

That third rung enables the couple to rise above the problems and difficulties that plague us all. This spiritual dimension strengthens and uplifts, comforts and encourages when explored. I doubt very much if the Lucindys of today would have tolerated such a one-sided marriage for very long. Life is what you choose to make it. So choose carefully and well.

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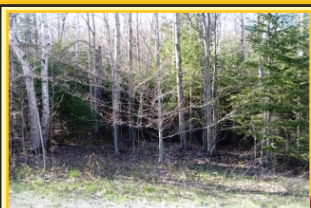
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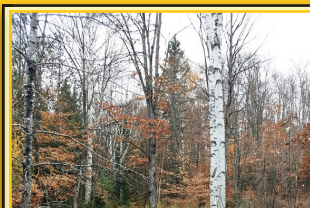
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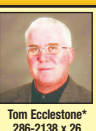
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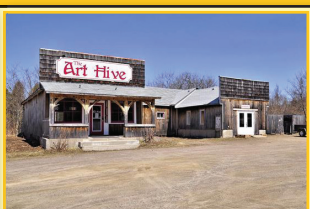
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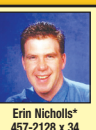
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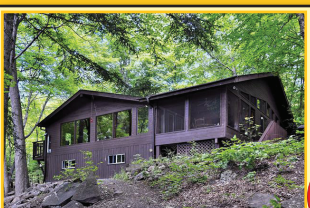
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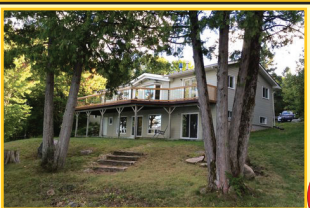
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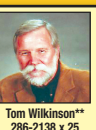
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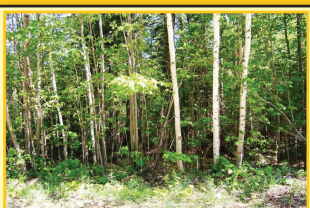
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Singing in the season

The Tree Lighting and Carols event, which was organized by the BIA (Business Improvement Area) had people singing carols on Highland Street on Nov. 25, led by Gord Kidd. This was a precursor for the annual Santa Claus Parade held later that evening. / DARREN LUM Staff

Gord Kidd leads the caroling.



Floating above it all

The Northern Frontenac Telephone Company decorated one of its work trucks with lights for the annual Santa Claus Parade on Friday, Nov. 25 in Haliburton. Organized by the Haliburton and District Lions Club and the BIA (Business Improvement Area), the event included more than 32 entries, which included the two bands, the Correctional Services Canada Community Pipes and Drums from Bracebridge and the Kawartha Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps from Lindsay, and drew hundreds, who lined the street for the parade and a chance to see Santa. /DARREN LUM Staff

Get The Word Out

Let people know about your event. Send it in to our FREE community events listing in the Haliburton Echo, Minden Times and County Life. Email the basics to Pat Lewis: classifieds@haliburtonpress.com or call us at 705-457-1037.

Minden Community Christmas Basket

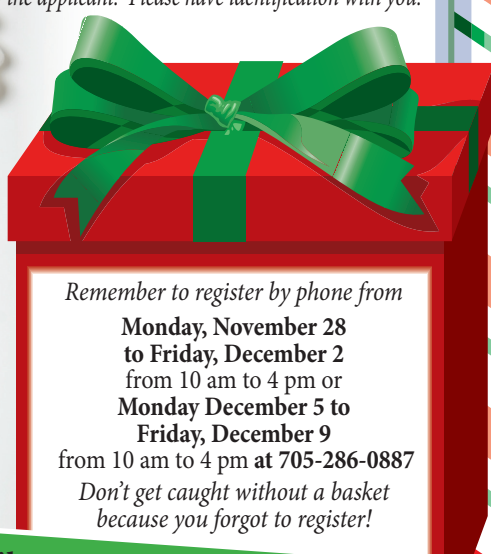
FOR MINDEN & AREA FAMILIES
IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE AT CHRISTMAS

All Christmas Baskets will be distributed on
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All Christmas Baskets are to be pick up by the applicant. Please have identification with you.



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to Friday, December 2
from 10 am to 4 pm or
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Don't get caught without a basket
because you forgot to register!

If you would like to donate gifts, non-perishable
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Please make cheques payable to the Minden Food Bank.



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The snow is almost here. Are you ready for snowmobiling?

The goal of the OPP Central Region front line officers and OPP Central Region Traffic Management and Snowmobile All Terrain Vessel Enforcement team is to ensure that motorized snow vehicle operators enjoy this upcoming winter snowmobile season.

Here are a few helpful tips:

- Check the ice thickness and quality with local ice hut operators and MNR before riding on any frozen waterway.
- Only travel on ice that is already well-tracked and stay on the marked Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Club (OFSC) trails.
- Leave a detailed plan of your destination and anticipated return.
- Watch out for obstacles such as rocks, stumps, docks, pressure cracks, fishing huts and open water created by bubblers and river mouths.
- Wear a buoyant snowmobile suit and carry ice picks on you.
- Stop at Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) programs and always have your documentation ready for inspection.
- Remember ... NO ICE IS SAFE ICE! Conditions change due to several factors. What was safe last week may

not be safe this week.

- Never operate while under the influence of Alcohol or Drugs!

The OPP is committed to saving lives on Ontario's highways, trails and waterways through high visibility patrols and enforcement in order to reduce preventable injuries and death. Initiatives are developed and delivered through the Provincial Traffic Safety Program. Officers will be out in full force with RADAR units conducting speed enforcement on Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Club trails. The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) would like to remind snowmobile operators the speed limit is 50km/h on the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) trails and 20km/h on city streets. Visit opp.ca for more information.



21st Annual Christmas Challenge

Join the Haliburton County Home Builders' Association and help us to make a difference!

As the Christmas party season commences, The Haliburton County Home Builders would like to encourage you to include its Christmas Challenge in your plans. Large or small, each gift will help fill the Christmas hampers distributed by the Food Banks in Haliburton County. This is the 21st anniversary of the Christmas Challenge. Whether this is the first year you have taken the challenge or the 21st year all gifts are needed. If you aren't sure what to collect simply gather local gift certificates. A value of \$15.00 each make is easy to top up gifts for families who have teenagers.

Step 1: Call 705-457-6901 in advance to arrange a date to pick up your gifts

Step 2: Collect unwrapped toys or food items at your office or your Christmas Party.

Remember to make the most of the Challenge have your gifts ready for pick up **BEFORE December 16th**. Early delivery to the workshops means the elves have enough time to prepare for Christmas.



Call 705-457-6901 and book a time for your gift pick up then start collecting.



Believe in the Magic of Giving!

As of **December 1, 2016**
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Featuring Jeff Moulton: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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A Christmas tradition

As winter approaches, the seasons shuffle and the hint of Christmas is in the air. We await the frozen ground, the frozen lakes and the first real dump of snow. Red, green and white is apparent in every store along with the shimmering of gold and silver. Santa parades have begun, party planning is cramming into calendars and people begin to make a dent in their shopping list, although there are some extreme planners who are completely done.

Along with all the chaos, confusion and stress, we all seem to find our favourite Christmas traditions that lift our spirits bringing peace and happiness in our lives. Some people love the joy of Christmas tree trimming, some baking their favourite cookies, or attending concerts, musicals, listening to choirs or some look forward to the family gatherings (or not, ha ha)

but regardless, there is something that finds a place in our hearts that brings a kind of joy to celebrate this festive season.

My own tradition is Christmas cards. I enjoy receiving them and I enjoy sending them.

In today's world, there are massive amounts of notes and email messages sent through our electronic devices on a daily basis. Even though this same method is used to send Christmas wishes and greetings, to me, it's just a way of cheating this old tradition. Yes, I do agree it is the thought that counts and there is an expense involved in mailing out cards, as my husband will attest to, but by the time I have finished writing out my cards, he usually says "Did you send one to.....?" Or "don't forget!"

I have a select group of friends (I call them my crazy Christmas friends) who

always postmark cards and amongst us, we have a contest to see who wins best card of the year. It's rather just a humorous joke between us – its fun! When picking out my cards, I must be very careful and must absolutely love them. I look forward to being the recipient of Christmas cards in the mail and reading the small additional notes, admiring all the beautiful penmanship (a lost art) and even the special letters, photos tucked into the envelope that my friends and family share updating us on their past year of adventure and events.

When I was a child, I use to race home from school during the Christmas season to see how many Christmas cards we received. Our mail was delivered directly to our home and a mail slot was part of the front door. Every day after the mailman made his delivery, there were so many envelopes scattered about on the floor. It gave me such a thrill to open them and admire each and every one. I especially liked receiving my special one from Santa prior to Christmas acknowledging that he had

received my letter.

Our Christmas cards also became part of our living room décor. There were no mini Christmas trees or lights, no small Christmas statues, reindeer or any other Christmas decorations other than these cards and our own real pine Christmas tree. We would string up all the cards and they were thumb-tacked onto the highest part of our wall right around the entire perimeter. We would pray each night that they wouldn't come crashing down as our Christmas tree would on occasion. I'm sure there are many people that can relate to that!

You will not find a person in our family who loves Christmas more than me, perhaps because I was born in December, I'm not sure, but the spirit will always fill my heart and I love it all.

Now, I must get out there and find the perfect Christmas cards for this year and get busy signing my message of happiness to all.

Merry Christmas,
Jo-Ann Sloan

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Make a memory, give to charity

Sylvia Holland and Linda Heeps decorate the tree outside Wind in the Willows on Highland Street in Haliburton. For \$2 you can put a ball on the tree in memory of someone – and write a message if you wish. Money collected will be given to 4Cs. Photo submitted



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Jim and Marilyn Frost (Parade Coordinators) and Cindy Campbell, BIA Administrator

The parade is proudly brought to you by the Haliburton BIA and the Haliburton & District Lions Club

Bereavement Network opens doors for lunch and community

By Darren Lum

You don't have to grieve alone. Fridays will be an opportunity for people suffering with loss to share the company of others, who are experiencing the same feelings during the Lunch for the Bereaved.

Drop in and share the company of others, who are going through the same challenges during a light lunch organized by the Bereavement Network and Community Support Services.

Hospice Care co-ordinator Lynn Higgs Thompson said this is part of an effort to bridge the gap for people who are between grief groups.

"It's a way for them while they're eating to meet each other and hopefully, as they finish lunch, they start to talk to each other. It's not a structured support group where we sort of go around the table and talk in turns or have them do anything specific like they do in SIRCH's support groups. It's just a get-together where they can talk with other people, who are going through the grieving process," she said.

The lunch is the first and third Friday each month from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. at SIRCH Central, located at 2 Victoria St. in Haliburton. In Minden, the lunch is the second and fourth Friday each month at the Legion in Minden. For more details and information contact Community Support Services at 705-457-2941 ext. 2932.

Other than one-on-one help from hospice, this is the

see LUNCH page 16



Downtown Haliburton MEN'S SHOPPING NIGHT

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Volunteers needed for pond hockey event

By Darren Lum

After a two-year absence, the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championship is returning and the importance of an army of dedicated volunteers isn't any less than the last time it was held here in 2013 and 2014.

The Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre will be the lone venue this time to welcome hockey players from Jan. 27 to 29 and again Feb. 3 to 5 this winter.

Championship owner and operator John Teljeur invites people to volunteer for this event.

"I'm looking for anybody who has some time to spare and interested in helping us out and have some fun doing it," he said.

Training will be provided. Community hours will be available for students.

The two-weekend event needs a variety of indoor and outdoor positions.

Outside scorekeepers, runners and floaters, people to get pucks or take information, rink marshals and assorted other positions are available outside. Inside there will be registration for teams, volunteers and customer assistance and selling merchandise

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To see these people, ambassadors for the community and do the things you couldn't train them to do any better was amazing.

— John Teljeur

Teljeur invites people who are creative to tell the event's story on social media, whether through images or words.

Local charitable groups will benefit, from this event, he said.

Depending how many hours people can give, he

hopes to have at least 80 volunteers and believes that will be enough for the one venue.

He wants people to commit at least four hours per shift. In 2013 and 2014, there were close to 100 volunteers.

So far there are a dozen who have confirmed. Among the volunteer roles include co-ordinator.

He said a past co-ordinator performed so well she parlayed her experience in getting a job at the CFL Hall of Fame.

Teljeur remembers seeing the rapport that developed between the players and volunteers and between volunteers. Volunteers not only helped to facilitate the event, but carried themselves professionally and acted as ambassadors for our area.

"To see these people, ambassadors for the community and do the things you couldn't train them to do any better was amazing," he said.

See canadapondhockey.ca/volunteer for more details.

If you're not sure what you want to do and need recommendations call 705-286-6573.

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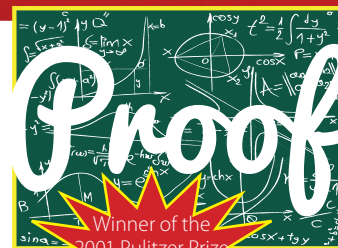
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By David Auburn

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Jake's Gift

By Julia Mackey

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Three Men in a Boat

by Jerome K Jerome

Three Men in a Boat is a stage adaptation of Jerome K. Jerome's classic 1889 British travelogue. Join our three intrepid bachelors Jay, George, and Harris as they spend a disastrous weekend punting up the river Thames.

Performances Aug 6 (2:30 matinee), 7-8.



Hilda's Yard

By Norm Foster

One ordinary family. One extraordinary day. Set in 1956, Sam and Hilda Fluck are finally on their own after their children Gary and Janey leave the nest. Then, on a September morning, their world changes when Gary loses his job, is the target of gangsters and Janey leaves her husband only to find love again. A heart-warming and hilarious look back at a not so innocent time. **Performances July 31, Aug 1-4, 9-11.**

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Lunch group offers resources for grieving

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first offering with a group dynamic at the crucial time for people who need direction.

"You're in the shock stage ... and it's when you're the most confused and you don't necessarily know where to reach out for help so we can help if they need more counselling, or resources. We can point them in the right direction," she said. "What we're hoping is that if they come to this when the time is right then they go on to the SIRCH groups."

This idea is modeled after the Hospice Peterborough's Lunch for the Bereaved.

When SIRCH decided to offer bereavement groups they invited a Hospice Peterborough representative to train them to be facilitators.

After learning more about the Peterborough example, a decision to launch one here was made at a Bereavement Network quarterly meeting.

Thompson said this is a six-month trial and its future will depend on interest and if there is a benefit to patrons who can connect with one another. She hopes it could facilitate the formation of informal support groups.

"It helps them feel like they're not so alone," she said.

She and support worker of Geriatric Assessment Intervention Network, Heather Townsend will be there.

"If it gets too emotional we'll be there to help them," she said.

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It was fiesta time at the CHACE drop-in centre last Wednesday as the facility hosted a Mexican Day party for children and caregivers. Participants wore costumes, danced to Latin music and enjoyed a buffet that included nachos.

Minden may soon have its own police officer

by Jay Kerr-Wilson

The village of Minden may soon be home to a community-based police officer.

Last Thursday, OPP Staff Sergeant Bill Elliott met with members of Minden council and outlined a proposal to assign a police officer to provide services in the village.

The move would be an extension of the community policing program which already exists in Haliburton village, where OPP constable Ron Buchanan serves as the community-based officer.

The Minden officer would operate from an office in the village and would work with a police services committee, made up of local residents, to address crime related issues.

Elliott described the community-based policing philosophy as an "old style/new style" approach. The officer would operate much like the traditional beat cop but would take direction from the public via the police committee.

Representation on the committee would be drawn from across the community and could include someone from council, senior citizens, local business owners and young people, said Elliott.

The system began in Haliburton village almost a year ago as a pilot project. "I can tell you, as far as we're concerned, it's been a great success," said Elliott.

Deputy-Reeve Bern Berry said there has been interest in community policy in Minden, particularly among members of the business community. "When it was first established, the BIA said 'Haliburton has it, we would like to see it in Minden'.

We were told it was a pilot project but could be explored later," he said.

"This is later," said Elliott.

One of the first steps in the process is to call a public meeting to explain community policing and to establish the police services committee. Berry suggested the BIA be contacted because of their interest in the issue.

It was agreed that Elliott and Buchanan will attend tonight's BIA meeting to present the proposal to the members.

Elliott said one of the requirements for community policing is that an office be provided, by Minden, for the officer to operate from. Although the OPP detachment is located in Minden on the highway, it would not be a good location for the community officer, he said.

"It would not be an ideal locale for a walk-in office," said Elliott. "People from the Main Street are not going to walk to the detachment."

The OPP has adopted community policing across the province as a way to increase public involvement in law enforcement. By having one officer responsible for the same community on a regular basis, the goal is to improve communications between the police and residents.

In some areas, this approach has resulted in a 70 per cent decrease in the crime rate.

Elliott said the officer would work out his schedule so he's on duty during the times when he is most required.

If all goes well, the officer could be in place by summer. "It's not something you do overnight," said Elliott. "It takes two or three months to set it up."

Outdoor smoking approved

by Susan Grober

The doors have been opened to allow smoking on school property outside of Haliburton County Board of Education buildings.

Last Tuesday, a slim majority of the school board voted to rescind the fourth part of its policy which prohibits smoking on board property.

Smoking will still be banned inside board buildings.

The vote was in response to a request made by elementary school teachers who wanted the right to smoke outside their schools. Some have been lighting up

inside their cars, and still weren't sure if this was against board policy.

In December, the board changed policy to allow smoking in designated areas for high school students, because their safety was in danger as many were forced to walk in the path of school buses to smoke off of school property.

Trustees discussed a request by elementary school teachers to smoke on school property at the board's January meeting, but held off a decision until the high school teachers could have a say in the matter.

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Business group asked to help

Representatives from the Minden OPP will meet with the Business Improvement Area (BIA) tonight to discuss the proposal for a community based officer in Minden village.

Last Thursday, Staff Sergeant Bill Elliott and Constable Ron Buchanan met with Minden council to discuss the proposal and it was suggested the officers should present the idea to

the BIA.

Members of the business community have shown interest in having an officer based in the village since last year when a community policing pilot project was initiated in Haliburton village.

Councillor Lewis Stevens, who is the municipality's representative to the BIA, said the members are keen

on the idea and have "looked at Haliburton with envy" since Buchanan was assigned to the village.

He said the BIA might be able to help find a location for a police office in the downtown core.

The BIA is meeting tonight (Monday) in the council chambers at 7:30 p.m. and Lewis is encouraging all members to attend.

Canadian Forum

This week Minden resident Mary Anne Wilson talks about some of the problems that Canadian society is facing today. She says Canadians are not being heard on major issues.

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Speak Out

This Wednesday a citizen's forum on Canada's future is being held in the high school library. The results of the discussion will be forwarded to the

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Out of India

Local teenager Catya Hynard recently returned from a three-week visit of northern India where she was captivated by the sights and mysticism

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UPCOMING

Community Events



Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free!
Contact Pat at classifieds@haliburtonpress.com.

Dated Events

HALIBURTON COUNTY: S.T.O.P. (Smoking Treatment for Ontario Patients) Program

When: Thursday, December 8, 1 pm.

STOP Program supports smokers trying to quit by providing them with five weeks of nicotine patches at no cost. Smokers will also get educational material and other resources to help them in the quitting process. To see if you are eligible, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577 or (705) 457-1391.

Try it Fair, Organized by the Haliburton County Public Library

When: Friday December 9, 2016 4pm-6pm

Where: At the Athletic Complex at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School

We will have 30 exhibitors putting their skills on display and letting you Try it too!

Try fly fishing, getting your voice on radio, riding a horse, learning anything (for free) online, henna, pottery, drumming, 3D printing, job hunting skills, handicrafts, science, and almost anything else you can think of! Whether looking for a new hobby or a job skill, you are going to find something that will start you on a new path to learning something new.

This event is free!

Highlands Wind Symphony, 2016 Annual Christmas Concert

When: Friday December 9th, 7:00 pm

Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion

Tickets: Adults \$10, Family \$25

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For more information call 705-457-7834

Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, Food Drive

When: Friday December 9th from 11:00 to 3:00.

Where: Wilberforce Foodland

Donations received will go to the Central Food Network which operates food banks in Wilberforce and Cardiff.

Please come out to Wilberforce and support local food banks, our community and our OPP on Friday the 9th.

Wilberforce Santa Claus Parade

When: Sunday December 11th.

The Parade starts at the school at 12:30 and finishes at the Lloyd Watson Community Center, followed by a party for all with Santa and treats. Bring the kids for a Merry afternoon!

White Gift Sunday

When: Sunday, December 11, 11:15 am

Where: Haliburton United Church, 10 George St. at Pine St.

Sunday School Presentation: "Welcome to Bethlehem" **Environment Haliburton! (EH!) cordially invites you to join us for a presentation by Peter Sale, marine biologist.**

When: Tuesday, Dec. 13, 7:30 pm - 9 pm

Where: Haliburton United Church, 10 George St., Haliburton,

Peter will speak on how climate change is impacting our communities and what we can do to deal with those changes. An informal discussion and Q&A session will follow.

Everyone Welcome!

Lochlin United Church - Old Fashioned Community Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long

When: Wednesday, December 14th, 7:30 pm

Where: 1050 Lochlin Road off the Gelert Road (County Rd. 1)

Accompanied by Rev. Harry Morgan and "Friends"

Join us for singing, refreshment of hot cider and Christmas goodies.

Donations for the food banks gratefully accepted. Info: Lois Rigney 286-1765

HALIBURTON: Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, December 14, 10:30 am to Noon.

The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

Kawartha White Cane Club (Lindsay)

Social group for people with all types of vision loss Includes family or friends

When: Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016 Time: 5:30 P.M.

Where: Caressant Care, 114 McLaughlin Road, Lindsay

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For more information: Shelly 705-328-1465 or Faye 705-799-5120

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Dorset Recreation Centre: Christmas Cookie Dough Party

When: Thursday, December 15, 2:00 - 4:00

A get together to make refrigerator cookie dough for taking home to bake.

All Welcome, Space is limited. First come first serve.

All materials supplied. Cost \$25.00 per person due in advance to secure your spot.

"Christmas Favourites" directed by Melissa Stephens

When: Sunday, December 18, 11:15 am

Where: Haliburton United Church, 10 George St. at Pine St.

Advent anthems, readings and carol singing with the Haliburton United Church Choir.

Christmas Eve Service and Communion Celebration

Haliburton United Church

With guest singers Kate Campbell, John Miller and Deniella Rivard

When: Saturday, December 24, 7:00 pm

Lochlin United Church, Christmas Day Service

When: Sunday December 25, 10:30 am

Where: 1050 Lochlin Road off Gelert Road (County Road 1)

HALIBURTON: Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, December 28, 10:30 am to Noon.

The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

Ingoldsby United Church, New Years Day Service

When: Sunday January 1, 10:30 am

Where: 1741 Ingoldsby Road off kashagawigamog Lake Road (County Road 18)

Recurring Events

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When: Minden , Wednesday at 11 am

Where: Hyland Crest auditorium,

When: Haliburton, Thursday at 1 pm

Where: EchoHills.

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EVERYONE WELCOME! Explore faith, learn new skills, enjoy hanging out with other youth. Program run by Monarch Bible Camp and Youth Unlimited.

Where: Minden Bible Church-Bobcaygeon Road

Information: teresa@youthunlimitedkaw.com or 705-887-3625

Cancer Support Group,

Open to anyone who has been diagnosed with or survived cancer. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Ruth Parkes Room at the Haliburton Hospital from 1 pm to 3 pm. Please contact Lynn Higgs Thompson 705-457-2941 for more information.

Al-anon Minden

When: Monday evenings at 8 p.m.

Where: Hyland Crest (north entrance, follow signs inside building), 6 MacPherson, Minden

Details: For relatives and friends of problem drinkers. For more information call 1-888-425-2666

Kitchen Party Music Jams

When: Every Saturday From 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm (continuous event)

Where: Dominion Hotel Pub, 113 Main Street, Minden, ON

Details: Musicians are welcome to come out to play and Fans are welcome to come out and enjoy the music at the free Jam Sessions every Saturday afternoon - 1st Saturday Folk/Celtic Music, 2nd & 5th Saturdays Mixed Acoustic Music, 3rd Saturday Country Music & 4th Saturday Bluegrass Music.

Contact: Gerry Mitchell at (705)799-5008 or by email at kitchenpartymusicjams@hotmail.com

Toastmaster Minden

When: 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. 12 noon to 1:00 pm (winter meetings times)

Where: OPP conference room, 12598 Hwy. 35 (across from Tim Hortons)

The fee has been reduced

Anyone, who is 18 to 80 years of age can attend.

First three meetings are FREE

Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild

When: Second Wednesday of every month, at 1-4 pm

Where: Stanhope Community Centre, 1095 North Shore Rd., Algonquin Highlands

Details: Meeting often preceded by working on a project at 10 am.

Contact: Pat Campbell at (705) 457-1211 or patcampbell@live.ca

Haliburton Highlands Weaving & Spinning Guild Open Studios:

Time: Every Tues. 1-4p.m.

Place: Zion United Church, Carnarvon

No experience needed.

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Dorset Craft Connections Group

When: Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

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Haliburton Region Shout Sister! Choir

When: Practices are held Thursday nights from 7-9 pm

Where: Haliburton United Church, Fellowship Room, 10 George St., Haliburton.

Details: Directed by Laurel McCauley, Welcoming new members. We do not audition and learn our music by ear. All levels of singers are welcome. We sing a fun variety of music from pop and folk to Motown.

Legion Events

Branch 624, Wilberforce

Jan Simon PRO December 9th– December 15th

Friday Community Care 55+ Xmas Lunch 12:00pm

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Pool 1:30 pm

Jam Session 7:30pm

Saturday Meat Draw 2pm Early Bird 3pm Sharp

Monday Bid Euchre 7:00pm come out and learn – beginners welcome

Wednesday Fun Darts 7:30pm

Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 31st – New Year's Eve Party

9:00pm to close \$20/person includes light lunch at approx. 11pm

DJ Pat Casselman – door prize and spot dances

Sunday, January 1st – President's Levee – Open House – 1:00pm-5:00pm

Branch 129, Haliburton

Dave Allen, PRO 705-457-2571

Mondays: Bridge every Monday at 1pm

Tuesdays: Tuesday Night Dart League starting at 7pm

Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 pm start

Bingo Doors open at 6 pm, Bingo starts at 7 pm - \$500 Jackpot **\$1000 Jackpot** - last Wednesday of the month

Thursdays: General Meeting Second Thursday of the month starting at 7:30 pm All members urged to attend

Ladies Auxiliary Last Thursday of the month at 1 pm

Fridays: Cribbage 1pm start

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Sundays: Breakfast Second and fourth Sunday of the month 9:30 am – 1 pm \$6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.

Upcoming Events:

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Ladies Darts, Wednesday, 1-4 p.m.

Bid Euchre, Tuesday, 1 p.m.

Euchre, Thursday, 7 p.m.

Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 12-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.

Mixed darts, Friday 7:30 p.m.

Big euchre, first Sunday of the month (except holidays), noon, \$12

Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-4 p.m.

Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m.

Liver lover's special, Tuesday 12-2 p.m. (full menu also)

Meat Draw, Wednesday lunch time.

Upcoming Events:

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**WE
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HALIBURTON**

GRANITE VIEW CONDO SUITE



1106 sq ft corner unit with 2BR, 3pc ensuite & 4pc bath. Balcony overlooking Head Lake. Walk to village shopping, library, park. Worry & maintenance free living!
\$365,000

MOUNTAIN STREET HOME



Over 4 acres in Haliburton. 3+ bedroom home, 2 baths. Double garage, full basement, central air conditioning. Low maintenance, level for golf, tennis and recreation.
\$265,000

GLAMOR LAKE



Excellent affordable 3 season starter cottage. Cute Bunkie. Fantastic level lot & lovely view. Great sand beach.
\$259,000

5 ACRE WATERFRONT



Beautiful rolling acreage with 1000 ft shoreline. Mature trees, point lot with stunning views. Extremely private. Sam's Lake - great for naturalists.
\$199,900

HALLS LAKE ACCESS



Cute starter home or cottage with access to beautiful lake steps away. 3BR, 4pc bath, drilled well, septic. Level lot, large deck for kids to play.
\$134,500

LOT NEAR MINDEN



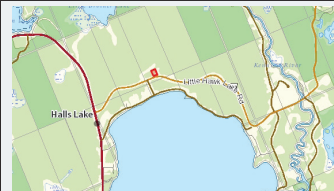
Vacant lot close to Minden, Hwy. 35 corridor & Horseshoe Lk. Nicely treed in birch & pine, level, choice of sites for home or getaway. Yr rnd rd, lakes, golf, white water rafting all nearby.
\$39,900

HUNTER CREEK ROAD



6.3 ac of forest close to Minden and Gull Lake. Municipal maintained road off of HWY 35, level property, good building sites. 159' feet of frontage.
\$29,900

LOT NEAR HALLS LAKE



1.67 ac lot. Level, fully treed. Yr rnd rd, roughed in driveway. Walk to the public access on Halls Lake, & not far from a Park. Tube down the river for summer fun--the entry point is nearby.
\$24,000

LITTLE HAWK LK ROAD



Nicely treed building lot situated on a year round road. Walk to the public access for swimming on Halls Lake. Great location for a year round home.
\$24,500

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SPRUCE LAKE SPECTACULAR



Custom built 2600 sf waterfront home/cottage. Level landscaped to perfection. 25 Acres, 225' frtg. 2BR Guest cottage, dbl garage, gazebo, & all the bells & whistles! Only 10 min to Haliburton.

\$1,140,000

